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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF PRODUCTION OF LUMBER, LATH, AND SHINGLES IN CALIFORNIA, 1938 1/

This is a preliminary summary of data submitted in returns from the lumber census conducted for the Census Bureau by the Forest Service. Returns were received from 99 percent of California operators at the time of compilation. It is believed that late returns will affect the summary figures but slightly, though they are subject to correction in the final published report by the Bureau of the Census.

LUMBER CUT - M FT. B.M.
(Mills cutting 50 M or over)

SPECIES	PINE REGION		REDWOOD REGION		TOTAL	
	Volume	Percent	Volume	Percent	Volume	Percent
Ponderosa pine	683,731	62.5			683,731	46.8
Sugar pine	209,118	19.1	312	(6) -	209,430	14.3
White fir	(2) 47,900	4.4	139	(6) -	48,039	3.3
Douglas fir	119,665	11.0	43,364	11.8	163,029	11.1
Cedar	(3) 32,995	3.0	4,683	1.3	37,678	2.6
Redwood	(5) 100	(6) -	(4) 316,538	86.0	316,638	21.7
Spruce	--	-	3,202	.9	3,202	.2
Oak	7	(6) -	--	-	7	(6) -
Other species	160	(6) -	--	-	160	(6) -
TOTALS	1,093,676	100.0	368,238	100.0	1,461,914	100.0

In addition to the above, 38 mills producing less than 50 M each cut 808
TOTAL, all mills 1,462,722

Lath	18,806 M pcs.	5,037 M pcs.	23,843 M pcs.
Shingles	1,359 Squares	68,652 Squares	70,011 Squares

(2) Includes California red fir (Abies magnifica), which is not produced in sufficient quantity to have established a separate market status.
(3) The pine region cut was incense cedar with the exception of 75 thousand feet of Port Orford; all of the redwood region cedar was Port Orford.
(4) Redwood of the coast - Sequoia sempervirens.
(5) Redwood of the pine region - Sequoia washingtoniana.
(6) Negligible.

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COMPARATIVE PRODUCTION SINCE 1920

Totals, including hardwoods, for all mills in California (and Nevada when mills operated) cutting 50 M feet and over per annum, and percentage of increase or decrease of each year as compared with preceding year:

Year	Cut M feet	%	Year	Cut M feet	%	Year	Cut M feet	%
1921	1,350,438		1927	2,070,811	-5.4	1933	784,626	15.3
1922	1,720,556	27.4	1928	1,952,659	-5.7	1934	1,014,747	29.3
1923	2,118,094	23.1	1929	2,063,229	5.7	1935	1,355,713	33.6
1924	1,996,496	-5.7	1930	1,514,263	-26.6	1936	1,643,525	21.2
1925	2,042,991	2.3	1931	957,740	-36.8	1937	1,774,034	7.9
1926	2,187,959	7.1	1932	680,520	-28.9	1938	1,462,722	-17.5

Lumber production in California during the year 1938 showed a decrease of 17.5 percent from that of the preceding year, as compared with increases in all of the five previous years. The total decrease in board feet was 311,312 M. In the redwood region the decline amounted to 24.9 percent of the 1937 cut, or 122,181 M feet B.M. In the pine region the decrease was 14.8 percent, or 189,939 M feet B.M.

The production of lath rose 15.1 percent above 1937; shingle production declined 33.8 percent.